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REMARKS

Claims 12-17, as amended, remain pending.

Applicants believe that this amendment places this application fully in condition for allowance, and surely places it in better condition for any appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of all claims 12-17 are respectfully requested.

1. Applicant has canceled claims 9-11 without prejudice or disclaimer mooting their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Zaiki et al. U.S. Patent 6,119,221.

2. The cancellation of claims 9-11 also moots their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Zaiki et al. U.S. Patent 6,119,221.

3. Applicant has amended claims 12-17 mooting the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Nevertheless, applicant disagrees with the assertion that the specification does not provide support for a single bit. The specification does provide support for a single bit; see, *inter alia*, page 27, lines 7-8 reciting a “bit position.”

Accordingly, all claims 12-17 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.5292). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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